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1. IN A COMPROMISE MOVE, THE KUWAIT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED JUNE 16 A STATEMENT, DRAFTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER, KHALID AL-GHUNAYM, CONDEMNING THE LEBANESE PHALANGE PARTY FOR ITS PART IN FIGHTING THE FEDAYEEN IN BEIRUT. THIS STATEMENT DESCRIBED THE PHALANGE ACTION AS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE ARAB NATION'S POSITION TOWARD THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. LEFTIST DE-PUTIES HAD WANTED STRONGER ACTION, INCLUDING SANCTIONS AGAINST PHALANGE INTERESTS, BUT WERE UNABLE TO PUSH THIS THROUGH CONSERVATIVES IN THE ASSEMBLY, MANY OF WHOM HAVE CONSIDERABLE INTERESTS IN LEBANON.

2. THE LEFTISTS HAD TO BE CONTENT WITH INCLUSION IN THE STATEMENT OF A CALL FOR MORAL AND MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR FEDAYEEN ACTIVITY AND A CONDEMNATION OF ANY EFFORT TO IMPEDE THE FEDAYEEN'S JUST STRUGGLE. IT ALSO CALLED FOR PEACE AMONG BROTHERS WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR ONE CAUSE. THE STATEMENT IS TO BE SENT TO THE LEBANESE PARLIAMENT.
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